

Business Travel Guide

Useful Web Sites

Since so many trade professionals travel, encountering different cultural customs and occasionally relocating abroad, we have selected links that will help prepare business executives for their impending trips overseas.

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EXPATRIATE RESOURCES

Employee Relocation Council

The Employee Relocation Council is a non-profit professional membership organization committed to the effective relocation of employees worldwide.

www.erc.org

Expat Exchange

On-line community of over 75,000 people relocating to, living in, or returning from over 140 overseas locations.

www.expatsexchange.com



Expat World

Newsletter that provides daily updated information important to expatriates.

www.expatworld.net

ExpatLink

Resources for English-speaking expatriates.

www.expatlink.com

Expatriate Essentials

Company that assists individuals and companies with immigration, taxation, expatriate management, relocation and corporate issues.

www.expats-essentials.com

CULTURAL AND LOCALIZATION ISSUES

Across Frontiers

Multimedia and text resources for a cross-cultural training program delivered via CD-ROM, corporate intranet,

extranet, and the Internet.

www.acrossfrontiers.com

Arabian Business and Cultural Guide

Tips on behavior in Arab countries.

www.traderscity.com/abcg/culture.htm



Craighead.com

Craighead provides insightful country-specific relocation and business travel information and services for 84 countries.

www.craighead.com

Cultural Awareness International

Cultural awareness training, relocation assistance, and other services.

www.culturalawareness.com

Cultural Issues in Business Communication

An on-line cross-cultural communication tutorial for firms going international.

www.bena.com/ewinters/OnlineTutorial.html

E-Conflict World Encyclopedia



A resource for businesses, tourists, students, and teachers to find out about cultures around the world, to minimize conflict.

www.countryreports.org

TRAVEL INFORMATION AND LINKS

American Passport Express



www.americanpassport.com

Privately owned courier service that hand delivers passport applications to the U.S.

Department of State
Passport Agency for
processing.

City Guides and Hotels Worldwide

Detailed and informative guides to over 140 of the world's major cities. Also has Internet hotel discounts, maps of each city and area, city pictures, weather and climate information, attractions and restaurants, and travel tips.

www.worldexecutive.com/cityguides

Concierge.com

Large site with various travel resources. Includes reservations.

www.concierge.com



Exchange Charges Calculator.

www.xe.com/sitemap.htm#business

Economist.com: Cities Guide

A specialized Web site by *The Economist* to provide general, travel, and business information on the 10 major cities of the world.

www.economist.com/cities



www.shagtown.com/days

Internationalist Business Travel

Extensive information about travel in more than 80 countries. Also useful information about electric current, currency conversions, weights and other measurements, and other travel information.

www.internationalist.com/travel

LatinTrade Travel

Information about traveling in Latin American's major cities: airlines, hotels, car rentals, transportation options, and visa regulations.

<http://latintrade.com/travel/index.cfm>

Pinkerton Global Intelligence Services

Detailed analysis about threats to business travelers.

www.pinkertons.com/pgis

TeleAdapt On-line Help Desk

Solutions to problems common when traveling overseas with a laptop computer.

www.teleadaptusa.com/nme/foreigntravel.htm

U.S. State Department: Travel Warnings and Consular Information Sheets

Official U.S. government warnings for U.S. citizens traveling abroad.

travel.state.gov/travel_warnings.html

USA Foreign Entry Requirements

Information for U.S. citizens about entry to most countries.

<http://travel.state.gov/foreignentryreqs.html>



CIA World Factbook

Comprehensive country profiles highlighting geographic, government, economic, and transnational issues.

www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/index.html

WorldSkip

Organizes information on countries' local news sources, tourism sites, relevant business and government contacts, economies, religions, entertainment, and cultural references, with multilingual presentation.

www.worldskip.com